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Molly Levey Gilgus (1917-2002) Papers

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*Papers of Gilgus, active member of the Jewish community in Greater Kansas City area. Includes membership lists, brochures, scripts, sheet music, newsletters and publications relating to organizations and events in the community.*

### BIOGRAPHY:

Molly Levey was born April 30, 1917 to Moenes and Ada Levey. She attended Kumpf elementary and Paseo High Schools in Kansas City, Missouri. In 1933, Molly married Meyer Gilgus. Their children are Deanie, Cynthia, and Zolan Gilgus. Mrs. Gilgus held leadership positions in numerous Jewish organizations, including B'nai B'rith, the Anti-Defamation League, and Kehilath Israel Sisterhood. She was instrumental in setting up the first B'nai B'rith Youth Organization office in Kansas City and was chairman for three Missouri State B'nai B'rith Conventions. Mrs. Gilgus sang in the choir at Kehilath Israel Synagogue and the Jewish Community Center. She served on the Fund-Raising Cabinet for the University of Missouri Hillel Building, and was a campaign worker for the Jewish Federation.

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## DESCRIPTION:

The collection includes membership lists, brochures, scripts, sheet music, newsletters and publications.

## INVENTORY:

**BOX 001**

- Folder 1. 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, Meyer and Molly Gilgus, script
- Folder 2. "Wedding in Belz", Jewish Community Center, December 1951, script and program
- Folder 3. Membership list- Kansas City Chapter, B'nai B'rith Women #158, 1975-1976: Brochure- Missouri State Association, B'nai B'rith Convention, October 1-2, 1966: B'nai B'rith Girls-membership manual (Helen Slotwick), 1949.
- Folder 4. Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith- information on the Ku Klux Klan 1977-1978.
- Folder 5. Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith "Facts", March 1978.
- Folder 6. The Russian Club, chair-Gregory Weinstein- meeting notes, December 10, 1978.
- Folder 7. Membership list- Kehilath Israel Sisterhood, February 24, 2003
- Folder 8. Agendas- Kehilath Israel Sisterhood, Board Meeting, August 25, 2003; Luncheon, 2004
- Folder 9. "The Ideal Wife" teaching on Proverbs 31: 10-28
- Folder 10. WAVES national newsletter "White Caps", December 2011 (Evelyn M. Slayman)
- Folder 11. "Little Big Macher" The Greater KC B'nai B'rith Council of Chapters and lodges Convention Show, June 1972-script

- Folder 12. “Convention Show ‘72” District Two B’nai B’rith Convention, Kansas City, Missouri, June 26, 1972- script
- Folder 13. Music: *The Promised Land* cantata, *Israeli Lullaby*, *Hebrew Lullaby*, *A Feast of Lights*, *Eight Nights*, *Shalom*, *Shalom Zol Zein*, *E Met*, *Nivneh Aratsenu*, *Song of the Sea*, *Joyful Hanukah*, various songs in Hebrew (Pearl Duggan). List of Jewish Holidays 19978-1979
- Folder 14. Aprons (3)- Kehilath Israel Sisterhood Catering (blue and white); Kehilath Israel Sisterhood (black and white)
- Folder 15. Publication: “100 Years of Village Shalom, honoring the elders of Kansas City’s Jewish community 1912-2012”